

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

CHAMBERS OF
J. FREDERICK MOTZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

101 WEST LOMBARD STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201
(410) 962-0782
(410) 962-2698 FAX

April 12, 2004

Dear Counsel:

Due to an unexpected conflicts problem discovered over the weekend, we are making a trade in the family of funds assignment between Judge Davis and Judge Stamp. Judge Davis will now handle the Alliance and Nationsbank cases, and Judge Stamp will now handle the Artisan and Strong cases. Therefore, the tracks will now be as follows:

JUDGE BLAKE	JUDGE DAVIS	JUDGE MOTZ	JUDGE STAMP
04-md-15861	04-md-15862	04-md-15863	04-md-15864
Excelsior	Alliance	Alger	AIM
Federated	Franklin Templeton	Columbia	Artisan
Scudder	Nationsbank	Janus	INVESCO
	Pilgrim Baxter	MPS	Strong
		One Group	T. Rowe Price
		Putnam	

We apologize for any inconvenience this change causes to you.

Very truly yours,

/s/

J. Frederick Motz
United States District Judge

cc: Honorable Catherine C. Blake
Honorable Andre M. Davis
Honorable Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.